Processing of Stainless Steel Slabs

*660. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of stainless steel slabs in the country;

(b) which units are producing stainless steel slabs; and

(c) how these stainless steel slabs are processed in the country to obtain stainless steel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The total production of stainless steel slabs in the country during the year 2001-02 is estimated to be 3.92 lakh tonnes.

(b) Alloy Steel Plant (ASP), Durgapur of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), M/s. Shah Alloys Ltd., Ahmedabad (Gujarat) and M/s. Jindal Strips Ltd., Hissar (Haryana) are engaged in the production of stainless steel slabs.

(c) Stainless steel slabs are hot rolled to produce H.R. Stainless Steel Coil/Skelp/Sheets etc. By further processing through cold rolling and intermediate pickling and annealing, products like CRSS Coils/ Sheets are obtained.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Rehabilitation Package for Co-operatives

4660. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are framing a national policy and rehabilitation package for co-operatives, in order to enable this sector to compete with multinationals and to face challenges of globalisation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the main focus of the proposed policy would be professionalisation of co-operatives and demonstration of their operations, to make them self-reliant and economically viable;

(c) whether the new policy would also safeguard the co-operatives against market imperfections; and

(d) if so, by when the policy is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has formulated a National Policy on Co-operatives. The objective of the Policy is to facilitate all-around development of the Cooperatives and their economic viability. It aims at providing necessary support, encouragement and assistance to the cooperatives so as to ensure their functioning as autonomous, self-reliant and democratically managed institutions to enable them to compete with other economic enterprises, including multinationals and to face the challenges of open and competitive market. The policy also aims at inculcating professionalisation in the Management of the Cooperatives.

A rehabilitation package for the revitalisation of the cooperative credit structure has already been finalised based on the recommendations of Jagdish Kapoor Committee and Joint Committee under the Chairmanship of Minister of State, Finance.

(d) The policy as approved by the Government has been laid on the Tables of both the Houses or Parliament and circulated to the States.

Tours of Officers of Mother Dairy's (F&V) Plant at Mangolpuri

4661. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tours conducted by the officials of the Mother Dairy's (F&V) Plant at Mangolpuri, New Delhi, during the last three years, to other States and the purpose of such tours.

(b) the expenditure incurred by the plant on the tours of such officials during the same period;

(c) whether the objectives of tours have been achieved; and